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Moran suggests garbage option

BY ED LEPOMA

In a move that surprised most of the audience Wednesday night, the president of Hancock County's Board of Supervisors suggested another alternative to the county garbage disposal problems.

"I think it would be poetic justice to send it (the garbage) to Pearl River County," Moran told a stunned and large crowd of citizens that gathered at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road. Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority conducted a 7 p.m. public hearing on its plans to amend the county's 20-year Solid Waste Plan. One of those amendments would locate a combination rubbish site-garbage landfill on a 700-plus-acre tract off Texas Flat Road in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Moran pointed out that Hancock County's problems with disposing of future household garbage was not just something that has cropped up in recent months, but goes back more than four years ago.

"When the citizens of District 5 elected me to represent them four years ago, I made the statement then—and I still hold firm to that statement now—that if...we're going to have a landfill in Hancock County, the best

place by far for us to locate it was in the buffer zone," said Moran.

He suggested there "would be little to no opposition" if a landfill were built in the buffer zone just to handle Hancock County's garbage. But, Moran pointed out, a landfill that would only handle Hancock's garbage would require a "dramatic" increase in taxes to support it. He said neither he nor fellow supervisors would support a tax increase for a landfill.

Moran said, as he sees the situation, there are only two options available. He said the one which the Solid Waste Authority has under consideration is to allow a privately-owned company build the landfill and operate it.

Moran suggested another alternative.

"The other option is to negotiate and sign a 15-to-20-year contract with Waste Management Inc., at their existing landfill at Millard in Pearl River County," said Moran. "There is a small group of Pearl River County residents that began the fight against the landfill in the buffer zone," said Moran. Therefore, I think it would be poetic justice to send our garbage to Pearl River

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Supervisors award contracts for library, harbor building

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors let a contract Monday to furnish most of the new Kiln library and another was tentatively let to add a harbor master's building at the new marina.

The Board opened four bids for the harbor master's building on March 1, and project consultants, Compton Engineering, was asked to come back and make a recommendation on March 8.

The bid specifications invited contractors to bid on three separate projects, asking bidders to give estimates on driving the timber pilings needed for the elevated building, estimating the cost of building the 700-foot harbor master's building, and submitting another estimate on the sewer facilities required.

At last Monday's meeting, project engineer Geoff Clemens told supervisors that Twin L Construction of Pass Christian

was the low bidder for the timber piling and the sewer facility, and Lagniappe Construction Company of Bay St. Louis submitted the lowest bid on the harbor master's building.

But, Clemens said awarding the contract to two separate firms would result in a savings of only \$3,249.

"These minimal savings would be more than offset by increased project costs resulting from administering two separate contracts and coordination of work efforts between two contractors," said Clemens.

It was his recommendation that supervisors, instead, let the entire contract to Lagniappe Construction for a total amount of \$133,513.

Attorney Ronnie Artigues, who was sitting in for board attorney Gerald Gex, said he or Gex needed to research whether the low bidder for the associated work could be rejected.



Clearing signs

Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar was greeted Monday morning by signs asking citizens to stop a proposed landfill from locating on a tract of land off Texas Flat Road in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center. Kellar removed the signs, which were posted in the front and rear of the historic county Courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Council closes debate

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council members went behind closed doors again Tuesday, to hash out contract troubles on two fronts.

Mayor Eddie Favre said the session concerned contract negotiations and potential litigation, dealing with the Ulman Street Pier and a phase of the city's drainage improvement package.

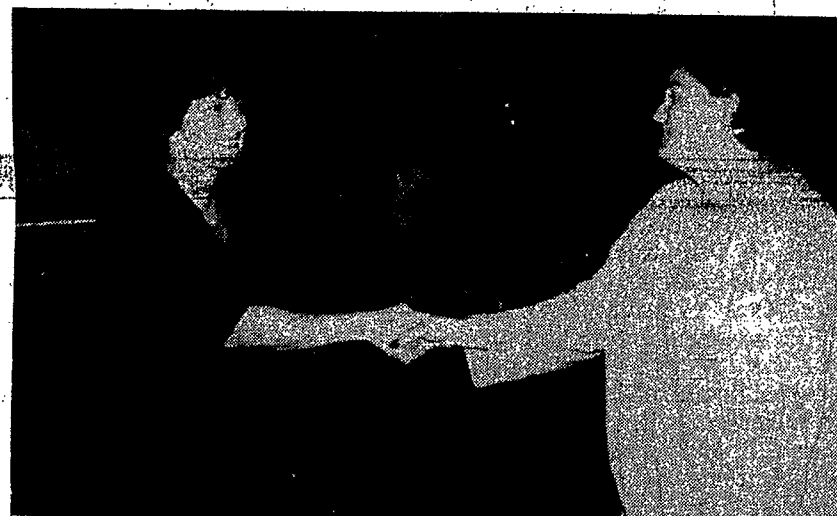
Both projects have prompted repeated closed-door sessions of council.

Only council member at-large James Rutherford sought to keep the most recent meeting open, as far as the pier controversy is concerned. Rutherford noted that council last week hashed out many details of the dispute publicly. He said he didn't see a need to exclude the public from further discussion of the conflict at issue.

The four other council members, however, agreed with Mayor Eddie Favre that the meeting should be closed. Favre said the meeting would feature discussion of claims against the city and the city's position on those claims.

Aside from the mayor and

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Off to the run-off

Dr. Irene Koskan, left, and Dr. Sherry Ponder shake hands Saturday evening at Waveland Elementary School following the announcement that both will face a run-off election Saturday, March 20, to determine the winner of a seat on the Bay-Waveland School Board. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

Koskan, Ponder in school board run-off

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Registered voters in Waveland and a designated area called the "outside territory" will return Saturday, March 20, to Waveland Elementary School, 1011 St. Joseph Street, to vote in a run-off election between Dr. Irene Koskan and Dr. Sherry Ponder for a seat on the Bay-Waveland School Board.

The election will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Waveland Elementary School. Voter

rolls will be used to determine any questions concerning eligibility to vote in the election.

Koskan and Ponder were the top two vote-getters in a field of four running to fill the unexpired term of board member Frank Perniciaro who resigned in November to become Hancock County's attendance officer. Perniciaro's term ends February 2000.

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Ohio Street squatters under scrutiny

BY ED LEPOMA

Lakeshore residents who have long complained about squatters, canal pollution and loud noise from boats illegally docked to the shoreline might soon get some relief.

Bob Metz, who lives on Pleasure Street near the entrance to the county's about-to-open new Marina, came before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for the second time Monday to complain about the condi-

tions he and neighbors have endured for years.

Metz said large boats are tied to trees on Ohio Street and docked in the small canal. He

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Grand marshal & his colleen

Lyonic 'Jeep' Wagner is grand marshal of the Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 13. Priscilla Ann Austin, daughter of Lynette and James Austin of Pass Christian and granddaughter of Adele and Clifton O. LaFontaine of Waveland and the late Beatrice and James Austin, Sr., is the colleen. (See story and map in this issue, Page 16)

Hancock Chamber 'Cleanup' a success

More than 250 volunteers picked up over 200 bags of trash throughout Hancock County March 6.

As part of its anti-litter campaign, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee sponsored a Beach Cleanup. However, the event grew into a successful countywide cleanup as a number of civic and community groups joined the Chamber in its efforts.

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association and the Ansley-Lakeshore Civic Association cleaned in their respective areas in conjunction with the Hancock County Beach Cleanup.

Jimmy Loiacano and a group

of Bay St. Louis city workers also volunteered their time to help.

Thelma McClendon, president of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association said the group picked up everything from cigarette butts to ladies' lingerie. "It amazes me what people will throw out of their cars."

"I was glad to see so many folks who are fed up with litter volunteer to help us. This was truly a successful community effort against litter," said Ellis C. Cuevas, chairman of the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee. "However, we still have a long way to go. We

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OBITUARIES

HAZEL R. D'ANTONI
THELMA H. ELLIOTT
EUNICE C. LADNER
MAGNOLIA NECAISE
ERNEST J. STRONG
GUADALUPE TAN

HAZEL R. D'ANTONI
 Hazel Reiser D'Antoni, 85, of Waveland, died Monday, March 8, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. D'Antoni was a native of New Orleans and had been a resident of Waveland for the past 10 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Senior Club of Violet and Fleet Reserve Branch Unit 92 of New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank D'Antoni; her parents, Frederick Reiser Sr. and Alice Schoule Reiser; four sisters, Alice R. Downs, Helen R. Sekinger, Aimee R. Sekinger and Vivian R. Lombardo; and two brothers, Frederick G. Reiser and George L. Reiser.

Survivors include a son, Gerald F. D'Antoni; a daughter, Rosalind V. D'Antoni; a sister, Margery R. Massaro; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. today at Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home Chapel, 3827 Canal Street in New Orleans, where friends may call after 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery No. 3.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of local arrangements.

THELMA H. ELLIOTT
 Thelma H. Elliott, 77, of Waveland, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Elliott was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Waveland. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. She taught in the St. Clare and Our Lady of the Gulf school systems in the 1960's. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 139, Bay St. Louis, and was a member of the Historical Society of Hancock County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Elliott; her parents, Victor and Agnes Florence Caillier Hinterlang; and a brother, Dr. Victor A. Hinterlang.

Survivors include a sister, Lucille W. Wilkerson of Bay St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Arthur Morel of Santa Barbara, Calif.; several nieces and nephews and five stepgrandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 12:30 p.m. for celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. in St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

EUNICE C. LADNER
 Eunice C. Ladner, 86, of the Dedeaux Community, died Sunday, March 7, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ladner was a native of Harrison County and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver J. Ladner; her parents, Aubin and Corinne Cuevas; three sons, Bert Ladner, Leland Ladner and Judge Vernon E. Ladner; two brothers, Odell Cuevas and Elmer Ladner; and two sisters, Versie McLemore and Bluney Easterling.

Survivors include four sons, Eulice Ladner of Pass Christian, Roland W. Ladner of Nacaise Crossing, Clifford Ladner and Eddie Ladner, both of Gulfport; five daughters, Jeanette Bates and Joyce McLemore, both of Gulfport, Alice Ladner

and Elsie Cuevas, both of Dedeaux; and Judy Ladner of Jackson; a sister, Sadie Lassabe of Long Beach; 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at St. William Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

MAGNOLIA NECAISE
 Magnolia Moran Ferguson Nacaise, 90, of Nacaise Crossing, died Monday, March 8, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Nacaise was a native of Hancock County and a homemaker. She was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Marsline F. Cuevas of Nacaise Crossing and Frankie Jane Shaw of Crane Creek; a son, Denior Ladner of Nacaise Crossing; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening in McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Visitation will also be today from noon until service time at 1 p.m. in Union Baptist Church in Picayune, followed by burial in Caesar Cemetery in Picayune.

McDonald Funeral Home, 401 West Canal, Picayune, is in charge of arrangements.

ERNEST J. STRONG

Ernest John Strong, 80, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, March 7, 1999, in Chalmette.

Mr. Strong was a native of Bay St. Louis and a commercial fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rena Holden Strong; his parents, Willie and Cora Luc Strong; brothers Harold Strong and Albert Strong; and a sister, Veronica Henson.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Strong Nacaise of Luling, La.; brothers Marshall Strong, Charlie Strong, Willie "Buck" Strong and T.J. Strong, all of Bay St. Louis; sisters, Eloise Williams, Genevieve Strong, Elsie Klein and Nina Nacaise, all of Bay St. Louis; Pearl Teabout and Dorothy Bounds, both of Waveland, and Evelyn Chadwick of Marshallburg, N.C.; four granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, March 12, 7-10 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

GUADALUPE TAN
 Guadalupe Tan, 86, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Friday, March 5, 1999, in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Tan was a native of the Philippines and was a Catholic. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League and was an elementary school teacher in the Philippines.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isidro Velasquez and Irenia Adolfo; a brother, Juan Velasquez; and two sisters, Trinidad Baz and Magdalena Velasquez.

Survivors include three daughters, Concepcion Tan Toppin and Teresita Tan, both of Brooklyn, and Bernadette Sy of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Walfrido Tan of the Philippines and Perpetuo Tan of Los Angeles; and a brother, Martin Velasquez of the Philippines.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Main Street Methodist collects cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry

Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, will be participating again this year in the Kairos Prison Ministry by sending home-baked cookies to the men of Parchman and the women at Rankin County Correctional Facility. Cookies will be collected Sunday, March 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the church kitchen.

Kairos is a continuing prison ministry launched with the presentation of a three-day short course in Christianity in a correctional institution. Prisoners are identified within the various environments who have the greatest impact on their peers.

These leaders are predominantly "negative leaders," the ones involved in running loan shark operations, extortion, dealing drugs and the gang leaders.

Usually these residents attending a Kairos weekend will have a major conversion experience that may prove to be a life-changing experience of permanent impact.

Home-baked cookies are a critical part of this ministry. There is a need for 23,000 cookies. These cookies have several purposes. First, they are an overwhelming visual (and tasteful) expression of Christian love. The residents wonder why so many people take so much time to make so many cookies for those who are usually forgotten and deemed unappealing to society.

Second, they realize another

very important part these cookies play; they help them get safely back into their units at the end of each Kairos day. The prisoners return to a dorm-like unit. Anytime one prisoner participates in an activity different from the remaining prison population they are "at risk."

Upon returning, they can be ridiculed, harassed and harmed physically. When these prisoners return to the units, they carry bags and bags of cookies and pass them out. The cookies are literally their tickets of safety to get back in the unit.

Kairos files are full of letters from prison superintendents, wardens, correctional officers and other members of the criminal justice system detailing the extremely favorable impact Kairos has had on prisons across this country and in other part of the world.

Ninety-six percent of inmates in the United States will return to society in less than three years. The time to make a difference in these individuals' lives is now, because eventually they will be walking the same streets we walk.

Anyone interested in preparing a dozen or more cookies may contact the church office at 467-4538 for preparation information and further information about the Kairos Prison Ministry.

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It was the early part of December, a day in time I will always remember.

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The outpouring of love and support was tremendous. Persons from all over united to help us.

Family, friends and strangers from far and near came to give us hope and erase our fears.

We want to thank all of you from the bottoms of our hearts. You helped us out, you did your part.

It would be impossible to thank all of you by name, but you know who you are, so thanks just the same.

If there were empty places in God's book for people who care, I know now, without a doubt, your names would be there.

—By Deborah Lizana

In response to those who opened their hearts and helped with the benefit for Tony Lassere, Deborah Lizana, Johnathon and Kasandra Perry March 6, 1999 at the VFW Post 4808, Lower Bay Road, Lakeshore.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Mr. Peter F. Farve wishes to graciously thank everyone for the many cards, prayers, flowers, monetary gifts and acts of kindness received at the time of their bereavement.

We also wish to thank the nurses, doctors and staff of Hancock Medical Center for their devoted care during his illness.

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The Pearlington Water & Sewer District will be constructing a public water and sewer system on public right-of-way for the purpose of providing utilities to the Pearlington Community.

If implemented, the proposed action could possibly impact important farmland, flood plains, or wetlands. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this possible result and to request comments concerning (1) the impacts of the proposed project on these important land resources, (2) alternative sites or actions that could avoid these impacts, and (3) methods that could be used to reduce these impacts.

The RUS-funded project will be administrated from the Rural Development Office at the address below. The proposed action is available for review at this office:

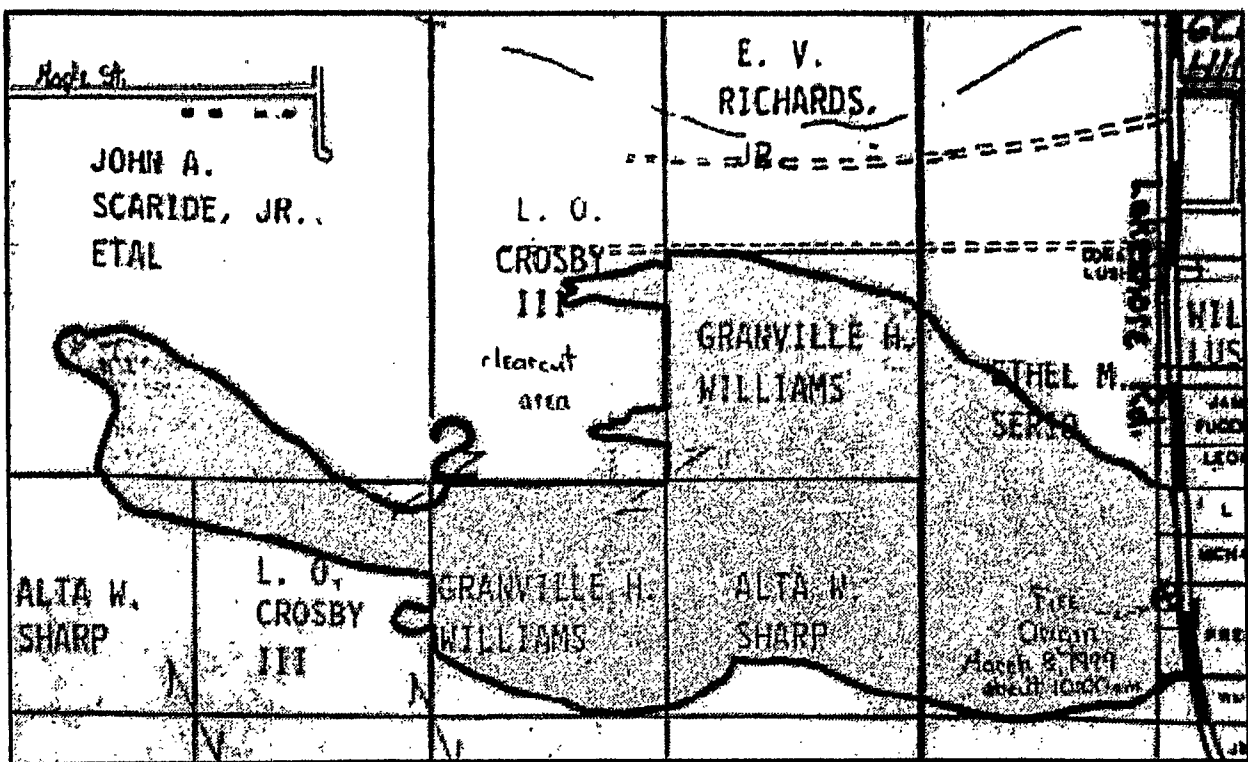
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Any person interested in commenting on the proposed action may do so by sending such comments to the above address within 30 days following the date of this publication.

A general description of the proposed action is available for review at the above address.

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Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee



Wildfire area

On Monday, March 8, at or just before 10 a.m., a wildfire was set on Lakeshore Road. It was set in the curve a quarter mile south of Hwy. 90. If a clear-cut area had not been there to act as a barrier, homes on Maple Street in Springwood Park Subdivision would have been overrun by the fire. The Mississippi Forestry Commission is seeking information on the person/persons responsible for this fire. Please call the Mississippi Forestry Commission, Hancock County Office at 255-4885, or the Southeast District Office at 601-928-5261. The Mississippi Forestry Association offers a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of woods arson, which is a felony.

Reward offered in fire

BY ED LEPOMA

A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever set a wildfire that burned 194 acres off Lakeshore Road and could have threatened nearby homes.

Hancock County Forester Mark Jamieson said the fire broke out about 10 a.m. Monday in a curve of the road about three quarters of a mile south of Hwy. 90. Due to strong winds and dry conditions, the fire spread quickly, said Jamieson.

He said the Mississippi Forestry Commission used its new dozer to contain the fire, and crew chief Larry Hoda, assisted by Clark Hoda, worked four hours to contain the fire.

A reward of \$500 is being offered. Anyone with information should call the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Hancock office at 255-4885 or the Southeast District Office at 601-928-5261.

Washington Street lighthouse nixed

BY ED LEPOMA

American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis has nixed plans to construct a lighthouse on a pier jetty at the foot of Washington Street.

Local artist Elizabeth Veglia proposed the 24-foot-tall structure be built as part of the city's Tercentennial Celebration. But, on Monday, the Legion told Hancock County supervisors they voted in January to deny Veglia's request.

The Legion owns the land on which the Washington Street pier is built and leases it to the county.

Last June, supervisors endorsed the project, but on Monday they rescinded their endorsement.

Local architects chances slim for detention center

BY ED LEPOMA

Local architects have a slim chance of getting a crack at designing Hancock County's proposed Juvenile Detention Center.

Attorney Ronnie Artigues, who serves on the building advisory committee, gave a brief report on the status of the long-delayed project at Monday's recess meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Artigues said his committee is still awaiting word from representatives of Carl E. Woodward, a design firm, which made a preliminary presentation to the Board last month after supervisors rejected the latest bids on the facility and fired the architect.

Artigues said the firm is going over completed architectural plans to see "if we can build what we need within the money we have available." Artigues said the company, with offices in Hattiesburg, New Orleans and Dallas, "has pretty strong credentials."

Artigues said the firm may offer to build the "bare minimum" of a juvenile detention center and is able to come within the \$1.2 million that is available. "If they go over the money that's available, they eat it," said Artigues. "That may be the way to go."

As designed, the upstairs portion of the juvenile detention center was to also include offices for the Circuit Court, but Artigues said that portion of the project might be eliminated, but the facility would still have handicapped-accessible bathrooms and an elevator to the second floor.

Artigues also revealed that supervisors had received a letter from local architects "who wanted to go back to scratch," but he added that seemed unlikely, since supervisors have already spent \$79,000 for design plans.

The Echo later obtained a copy of the architects' letter sent to supervisors Feb. 23. It

was signed by Fred Wagner, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Michael Reeves and William H. Anderson.

In the letter, the architects told supervisors they have followed closely the difficulties the Board has encountered in getting the project off the ground.

"As committed citizens and architects, we have a vested interest in the quality of our environment within our community," the architects said.

They asked supervisors to carefully weigh the long-range effect of attaching the Juvenile Detention Center to the rear of the historic County Courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis.

"By placing the juvenile detention facility upon the courthouse site, the possibility of expanding the courthouse facility in the future is effectively denied," the architects said.

They suggested, "Other locations downtown may be found...providing similar convenience to existing jail facilities and the courthouse, but these options must be carefully considered in order to maintain the scale and mixed uses of the existing downtown. A number of options should be drawn and presented to the public in a conceptual form, to determine the best possible direction for this facility."

The architects told supervisors, "You have a number of excellent and qualified architectural professionals within this community. We are concerned that your experience with the previous architect may have given our profession and unfair and unjustified reputation. We are familiar with the possible sites, and with local concerns, but can also offer skills and experiences that go beyond this community to offer new perspectives and innovative ideas. We stand ready to assist you."

Supervisors meet again March 22, and Artigues said he hopes to hear from representatives of Carl E. Woodward before then.

Council

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council, those in on the session included William Mitchell, whose engineering firm has handled the Ulman Street Pier project; city attorney John Scafide, and municipal clerk Robert Parker.

Last week, Favre and Public Works director Ron Vanney recommended that the city drop its claim to \$21,750 in liquidated damages against Clark Construction Co. Engineers had recommended the city assess Clark \$250 per day for the 87 days that the project ran past its contract deadline.

In addition, the city administration had recommended paying Clark \$8,250 to get Clark to drop over \$200,000 in claims against the city. In all, the mayor and staffers had negotiated a \$30,000 settlement to end disputes with Clark and close out the contract.

Council members — who were not in on those negotiations — had questions at last week's meeting.

about why the city would drop its liquidated damages claim and pay Clark \$8,250 extra.

City officials said at the time it would be hard for the city to prove an actual "loss" suffered as a result of the project's delays, and the additional payment would close the books on the Clark contract peacefully.

With that dispute still on the table, council also was scheduled to discuss its contract for Project "C" of the drainage program.

Tuesday's closed-door discussion of that project is only one in a series of executive sessions devoted to the same or related topics. So far, there have been no indications that council has taken action as a result of their discussions.

It was not clear Tuesday whether the pier contract or the drainage contract, or both, were to be discussed as "potential litigation" to which the mayor referred.

BSL PD sponsors 55-Alive

The 55-Alive Mature Driving Course, sponsored by the Bay St. Louis Police Department, will be held March 25, 1-5 p.m. and March 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Coast Electric meeting room, Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

Open to drivers 50 years and older, this eight-hour refresher course, developed by AARP, is designed to help older drivers improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents.

On completion of the course, participants will, by law, receive a discount on their automobile insurance.

Class size is limited. Cost is \$8, paid to AARP on the first day of class.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Saturday at 2 p.m. will be the big day for the Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Day parade in the City of Waveland.

This will be the 35th year for the Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day parade to roll through the streets of Waveland.

Jay Fountain, president of the association, said this is the oldest St. Patrick's Day parade along the Coast sponsored by the same organization.

The parade route is in Waveland with its formation beginning at 1 p.m. on Waveland Avenue near the ball park.

It travels Central to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Lafitte Drive, Lafitte to Central, Central to Coleman to disband.

Cabbage, onions, potatoes, beads, trinkets, etc., are all part of the throws parade goers can expect from the organization's 13 floats plus numerous others in the parade.

Several bands and marching groups will also participate.

We hope to see you at the parade Saturday in Waveland.

On Friday, longtime Waveland resident Mrs. Phil Lagasse died and was laid to rest in the Waveland Cemetery on Monday.

Mrs. Lagasse was well known throughout the Bay-Waveland area for her many volunteer endeavors.

Her various volunteer work includes a dozen years as a volunteer with the Hancock Medical Center Auxiliary, formerly known as the Pink Ladies, and she served two terms as vice-president.

I have known her for many years, and she always had that special pleasant way of greeting persons, even when they were flat on their backs in hospital beds. I know this from real experience, as she visited with me several times when I was a patient at HMC some four years years ago.

Mrs. Lagasse will be missed by her family and friends, but will be remembered for many years as the great lady she was.

To son Jay, daughter Jeanne and family, Mrs. Lagasse's community efforts were an inspiration to many.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beach Cleanup last Saturday was very successful due to the volunteers.

Thanks goes to everyone who participated in the chamber's efforts.

One name and organization I have to mention is Cindy Woods and the Department of Marine Resources, as they were very helpful and provided our "goodies" for those who participated.

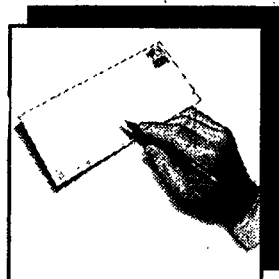
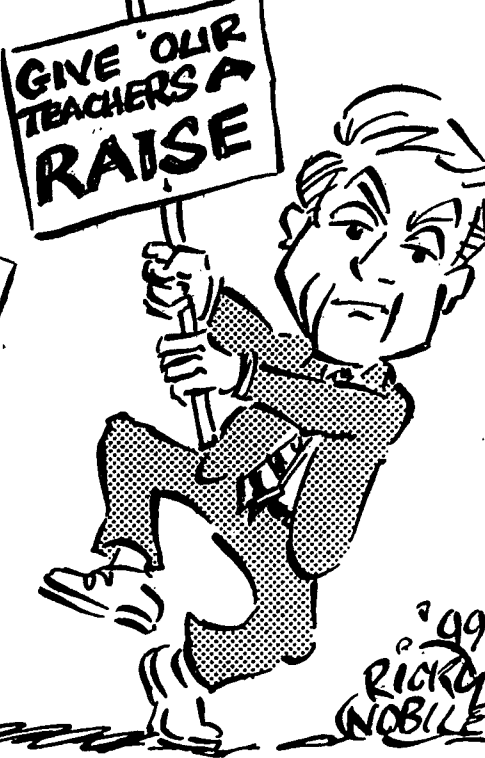
U.S. State Congressman Gene Taylor and his family were out collecting litter along the beach. Just think about this, not too many communities have a Congressman involved in clean-up efforts in their communities. The Taylor family also provided the hot dogs, Carol Vegas the cold drinks, others the buns, etc.

Waste Management, Inc., was also a big help in collecting the bags of litter along Beach Boulevard and also by the Lakeshore-Ansley Civic Association, while Fire Chief Sam Bailey and his volunteer firefighters helped in gathering some tires in that area.

It was a good clean-up day, and again thanks to each and everyone who helped.

We had a slogan several years ago that said, "Litter Free by '93," and of course we never met that goal, but with the help of everyone we can still hope to be a litter-free community.

WHAT FORDICE WON'T DO WHEN HE RETIRES.... CAMPAIGN FOR HILLARY JOIN THE MIKE LOBBY FOR THE MOORE FAN CLUB TEACHERS' UNION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Report Card' still has no analysis or conclusions

Dear Editor:

Many teachers and school districts will be praised and congratulated for their efforts as a result of data published in the new "Mississippi Report Card."

However, many teachers in less effective schools should be congratulated even more. They teach in districts where it's impossible to have successful data, yet they produce many successful students.

What are the real facts about education effectiveness, and accreditation ratings, in Mississippi? From reports last year:

The 12 districts with 5 ratings had an average poverty rate of 13 percent, graduate population of 72 percent, a dropout rate of 15 percent and a white student population of 74 percent.

The 17 districts with 1 or 0 ratings had an average poverty rate of 36.9 percent, graduate population of 52 percent, a dropout rate of 27.7 percent and

a white population of 5 percent. The other 120 districts with 2, 3 and 4 ratings fell predictably in their places.

There were only two standard demographic predictors of education success. They were graduate population and poverty level of the community. No other data had any predictable bearing on results.

In 1995, I entered the "Report Card" data on my computer, which produced the relationships shown above. I sent a copy to the Mississippi Department of Education and asked them to include an analysis with the "Report Card" to show the meaning of all the data.

Instead, the following year they deleted that most important data—graduate population and poverty level. The "Report Card" still has no analysis or conclusions.

Why?

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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas

Senate approves nursing home beds as deadline nears on House bills

Conference meetings are expected to begin soon on more than 100 House bills, which were amended and passed by the Senate last week.

Several dozen other House bills were approved by the Senate without amendment, which means they are headed for the Governor's signature.

Among the amended and passed bills was HB 834 to address state needs for Medicaid-funded nursing home beds. The Senate version would provide for pre-admission screening to assure choice of appropriate care and more Medicaid-eligible nursing home beds statewide for allocation in any county with a need of 50 beds or more.

On the Tuesday deadline, the Senate Finance Committee approved HB 519 to establish a trust fund with \$225 million the State of Mississippi received from the tobacco lawsuit settlement.

The Senate version also would deposit 75 percent of future payments in trust while allowing health-related spending of 25 percent future payments and any funds in excess of the initial \$225 million deposit, including investment earnings.

The spendable funds would be available for the Legislature's use in the budget for Fiscal Year 2000, which begins July 1.

Committee work occupied much of Monday and Tuesday because of the deadline to act on House general bills and constitutional amendments. March

10 is the deadline for Senate floor debate to approve general bills and constitutional amendments originating in the House of Representatives.

After Senate passage, the amended bills go back to the House for approval. If that House doesn't agree to the changes—does not "concur"—three senators and three representatives will be appointed to a conference committee, whose aim is to reach a compromise.

Then, each chamber must agree exactly to the compromise or the bill goes back to the conference committee.

More children of working families would be eligible for health insurance through HB 976, which passed the Senate Thursday, amended to set the eligibility at 150 percent of the poverty level. This Children's Health Care Program bill arrived at the Senate with House approval at 200 percent eligibility.

Among other amended House bills passed were HB 954 to provide for training for volunteer emergency personnel to use automated external defibrillators; HB 333 to make available additional funds for rural firetruck purchases; HB 1051 to set the financial-need income maximum at \$35,000 for the college tuition program; and HB 1084 and HB 1086 addressing issues surrounding domestic violence.

Two bills passed to assist young Mississippians who are active in 4-H and FFA.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative
J.P. Compretta

Public school accountability standards strengthened under bills passed by House

County governments would be able to apply to purchase more fire trucks and public school accountability standards would be strengthened under bills passed in the House of Representatives this week.

The House was working toward a major deadline for the 1999 session as they handled bills that originated in the Senate.

The actual deadline for floor action on general bills that originated in the opposite chamber is March 10.

Appropriation and revenue bills that originated in the Senate must be decided by March 16.

The House passed a bill that authorizes the popular fourth round of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program, and it could make available as much as \$2 million in additional funding.

The Education Accountability Bill that passed the House was described as one of the most far-reaching proposals considered in the Legislature in recent years.

One major change would involve basic skills achievement tests. The bill mandates the tests—which are generally administered beginning in the third grade and then in several other years until high school graduation—are to be based on curriculum taught in Mississippi schools, instead of outside the state.

The minimum academic skill tests would be developed by the State Board of Education. Tests would generally be taken in the spring, not at the beginning of a new school term when some subject matter has yet to be covered.

Another major change involves accreditation of schools. Currently, accreditation is given only for an entire school district, but under the proposal individual schools within a district would come under accreditation scrutiny, and would be held accountable for student performance.

Schools that exceed their

standards would be properly recognized by the state department, while schools failing the standards would draw state assistance and possible intervention.

Another major issue still unresolved is what the state will do with proceeds from the \$4 billion settlement Mississippi received from a lawsuit against the national tobacco industry.

During the first week of the 1999 session the House of Representatives passed a plan that would put all of the settlement's principal in a trust fund, with the interest being spent on health-related programs.

The House passed a similar bill last year, only to see it die in the Senate.

The Senate had again balked at the trust fund idea until this past week when its leadership finally pushed a bill through committees in that chamber.

It differs widely from the House in that it would put 75 percent of the principal in a trust fund and the remainder in the state's general fund for spending now.

Mississippi has already received about \$300 million in payments from the settlement and are drawing interest. Attorney General Mike Moore, who led the fight against the tobacco companies, has said he supports the House's plan for a trust fund.

Most Capitol observers believe a compromise will be worked out before session's end.

Military veterans could purchase homes up to \$95,000 under a bill that increases the maximum loan limit of the Veterans Home Purchase Board from \$80,000. It was stated the average home sale price in the state is about \$93,000.

The proposed Juvenile Health Recovery Study for troubled youth would look into alternative educational programs. It may include in-home treatment, therapeutic foster care or therapeutic residential facilities. A study board will propose recommendations to the 2000 Legislature.

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
SCHOOLS

Q What procedure should school boards follow to sell sand, gravel, fill dirt or clay from 16th Section property?

A Section 29-3-99 details the competitive bid requirements to be followed in such sales.

Q May a school district borrow money for anticipated current year's expenses in anticipation of the collection of ad valorem taxes and other revenues for the then current fiscal year?

A Yes. The money borrowed shall be repaid within 14 months from the date of such borrowing. (\$37-59-37)

Q What should a comparative analysis include in order to determine the fair market rental value of school trust land?

A The comparative analysis to determine fair market rental value should include a comparative analysis of both the value of the land and the going rate of lease land in the private sector. (Attorney General's opinion to Face dated March 28, 1996)

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Sheriff Peterson seeks re-election

Hancock County Sheriff Ronald A. (Ronnie) Peterson, 55, of Waveland, has announced that he will seek re-election in the August Democratic primary.

Peterson, elected sheriff in 1979, has been re-elected four times, and at the end of this term will have served as sheriff for the past 20 years.

Prior to being elected sheriff, Peterson served five years as a Hancock County sheriff's deputy and three years as the chief deputy.

Peterson is married to Bonnie Lee Peterson. He has a son, Ronald A. Peterson II, and a daughter, Wendy Lynne

Myrick.

He is a graduate of Bay High School and attended Pearl River Community College.

A four-year member of the United States Marines, he is a Vietnam veteran and has received numerous military honors.

In seeking re-election Peterson said, "I now have a total of 27 years law enforcement experience with 19 years of that serving as sheriff. I am the only experienced qualified person in the race. I will continue to provide professional law enforcement for Hancock County."



Ronald A. Peterson

GED classes set closing dates for year

Hancock County Schools GED day class, which meets at the Hancock County Vo-Tech Center Monday and Tuesday, will close for the year on Monday, March 15.

The night class, which meets at the Hancock High School Library on Monday and Wednesday, will close Wednesday, March 17.

Trusty re-captured

A Harrison County trusty was apprehended Monday about 11 hours after he ran away from a work crew.

Authorities identified the man as 18-year-old Cedric Page, who was serving time on a burglary charge.

Sheriff Joe Price said police officers and tracking dogs finally re-captured Page without incident about 5:30 p.m. in the woods near Lizana.

Skin-So-Soft sales to help Hope Haven

This is the gnat season for the Mississippi Coast area, and Hope Haven is to benefit from the pesky critters.

Sherri Sims, a local independent distributor for Avon products, is offering a donation of \$2 per bottle for Avon's Skin-So-Soft to Hope Haven Shelter for abused children.

Skin-So-Soft, which was not designed to be a bug repellent, but as "locals" know, is effective protection from gnats.

Sims can be reached at 467-5014.

Option

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County." Moran revealed there has been some discussions with Waste Management, and that the firm has offered "a significant reduction" in the current, nearly \$20-a-ton disposal fee. Hancock is now paying to dump at Pecan Grove in Harrison County. In doing so, Moran said, this would "eliminate a garbage dump in our county."

The Board of Supervisors President said this "would be a win-win situation and would represent the feeling of the majority of the people in Hancock County."

Moran said the change in access routes whereby garbage trucks would travel to the landfill and the wishes of Hancock County's residents only were the main reasons he and some other board members explored alternative landfill solutions.

He said originally, the main access from the south was for garbage trucks to travel north on Hwy. 607 through Stennis, then to the landfill on Texas Flat Road.

Since then, he said the main access route has changed, and would take the trucks from I-10, north up Hwy. 603 into the Kiln, then to Texas Flat Road.

He pointed out that Hwy. 90, 603 and I-10 are the three main corridors in Hancock County, and he felt the county has but one way to grow, "and that is north—which means that the proposed route...will be bringing the majority of the garbage right through the heart of our future growth area."

"As an elected official and a leader in this county, I can not and will not sit idly by and allow the heart of the county to become a garbage truck pathway," said Moran.

"The bottom line is do we want to trade our environment for possible economic benefit."

Bay High slates report card, parent conference day

Bay High School is requesting the presence of all parents at our second Parent Conference for the 1998-99 school year. Conference times are on a first-come-first-served basis March 22, 7:30-11 a.m. or noon-3 p.m., and will give parents an opportunity to meet the child's teacher-advisor to receive, review and discuss his/her report card.

Following the advisor conference, parents are welcome to meet with their child's academic teachers to discuss any issues of interest.

For parents of 7th, 10th and 11th graders, your child's Mississippi Career/Educational Plan Portfolio will also be available for review and signature. This portfolio is a personalized sequential career planning journal that is designed to guide students through the career development process.

Additionally, it helps them relate their education to career interests and aptitudes as they progress through school and beyond.

The Mississippi Department of Education requires an annual parental review, by signature, of their child's entries into this portfolio.

As all Bay High students select future classes, parents are being asked to participate in the process. Materials related to learning styles, academic progress, future plans and graduation requirements need to be examined and an educational/career plan developed/updated for students.

It is the desire for the school system that students see a connection between what they are learning to do and what will be expected of them as they go on to more education, training and

work. Parents and teachers are vital participants in this endeavor.

Parents of 7th, 10th and 11th graders are asked to attend a conference March 22 with their child and his/her teacher advisor to plan a schedule of classes for the 1999-2000 school year which will support their student's anticipated career path. Conferences should last approximately 10 minutes.

A course selection with a parent and advisor signature must be completed in order for your child to be registered for courses next year.

Parents will be receiving a letter from the teacher-advisor, via their child, informing them of the room number where they must go to receive the report card and sign the Career Educational Plan.

Spring cleaning equals donations for Goodwill

"Arriving with the warm spring weather will be the 'Spring Cleaning Bug,'" said Bob Campbell, used goods director for Goodwill Industries.

"Soon we will all have the urge to open our windows and clean out our closets and garages. Before you discard those items with life left in them, please remember that Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi depends on donations of clothing, toys, books, household items and just about anything useable to fund training and employment programs."

Goodwill employs over 200 people with special needs, and donations are very important. For information on where individuals can donate and receive a tax deductible receipt, call 863-2323.

"Oh yes," Campbell said, "we also accept cars, boats, motorcycles and property."

Owens announces for Constable East

Lester Bogart Owens Jr., 55, of Bay St. Louis, has announced his candidacy for Hancock County Constable East as a Democrat in the general election in November.

Owens, a retired physical science technician from the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, is currently employed with Holiday Inn of Waveland.

A resident of the area since 1975, he has been involved in law enforcement for several years. From 1991-1998, Owens held various positions for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, including road officer, warrants officer, desk sergeant, correctional officer, assistant medical officer and transportation officer.

His recent experience includes a course in basic reserve law enforcement from Gulfport Police Reserve Law Enforcement Institute and training from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in arson for profit and explosives investigation.

In 1994 Owens completed basic SWAT tactics training in Hancock County from the New Orleans Police Academy and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1967 after four years of active duty, including one tour in Vietnam. He is a member of the VFW Post 3253 and the American Legion Post 139.

In making his announcement for constable, Owens said, "If elected, I will diligently protect and serve the residents of east



Lester Owens Jr.

Hancock County and work to the best of my ability to ensure the job of constable is completed in a professional and efficient manner."

Ladner announces for Circuit Court clerk

Judy M. Ladner has announced her candidacy for Hancock County Circuit Court clerk in the August Democratic Primary election.

Ladner is a Hancock County native and has been employed with the Hancock County Justice Court system for 12 years.

She has attended seminars conducted by the Mississippi Judicial College.

Ladner, in making her announcement said, "I am experienced and dedicated and will appreciate your vote and support."

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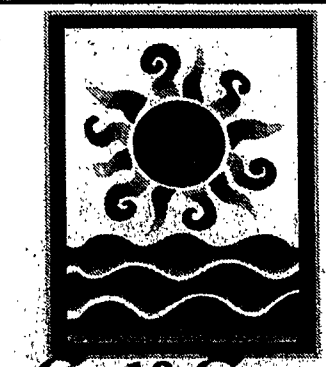
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Recognized

Board of Education members, from left, Cheryl Bennett, Lennette Necaise and Larry Peterson, open gifts presented by Hancock County School District students in appreciation of the board's hard work throughout the year. Board members Tony Caston and Billie Lyons were unable to attend the tour held during Mississippi School Board Member Recognition Week Feb. 21-27.

Hancock County Board of Education visits schools

In conjunction with Mississippi School Board Member Recognition Week, the Hancock County Board of Education toured each school in the Hancock County School District Feb. 25.

The first stop was Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlman where Sheryl Destarkey's kindergarten class sang "This Land is Your Land," and students presented board members with small gifts and numerous hand-made thank-you cards.

In addition, the board members walked through the science lab, library, computer lab and music room in the new media center.

At the next school, Gulfview Elementary in Lakeshore, board members received a firsthand look at the renovation of the old cafeteria into a fine arts building and the recently completed four-classroom addition and new cafeteria.

Also, they visited students in the media lab to see how technology is being effectively integrated into the classroom and heard a live guitar concert presented to all students as part of the music curriculum.

While visiting the Hancock County Vocational Technical Center, board members enjoyed a play entitled "Three Little Bears," given by the three- and four-year-olds enrolled in the Hawks Nest day care facility.

In addition, technology instructor Jan Jarrell offered information about a wide variety of educational objectives taught in the recently renovated business and computer technology lab.

At Hancock High School, the Board of Education enjoyed viewing the laptop computers

being used in numerous classrooms, including Shani Bounds' science class and Haleigh Cuevas' history class.

Students and the board held an open exchange of ideas and suggestions about school uniforms during Stacey Necaise's junior high science class. The board members, administration and teachers welcomed this positive interaction with the students.

Board of Education members left the high school and moved to the adjacent middle school facility site where construction is in full swing and on schedule. At Hancock North Central Elementary, board members viewed Marta Cameron's fourth grade students engaged in a music lesson taught by GiGi Hines where they sang "Yankee Doole Dandy."

Other students showed their expertise learning during Magda Wisard's Spanish lessons by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish.

The final stop on the tour of schools, the new elementary school facility on Kiln-DeLisle Road, revealed a promising outlook. District construction manager Doug Necaise provided a brief synopsis of the activities taking place at both the middle school and elementary construction sites.

At the end of the day, board members were treated to a reception complete with cake and punch at the Superintendent of Education Office. The staff, including Superintendent Terry Randolph, Assistant Superintendent Eddie Danzey and Personnel Director David Kopf, thanked board members for their hard work and dedication to the students, parents and faculty of the district.

Depreo seeks District 5 seat

David W. Depreo of Diamondhead announces he is seeking office of Board of Supervisors for District 5. He will be running in the August Republican primary. Depreo is a native of Hancock County and a lifelong resident of the Coast.

He graduated from St. Stanislaus in 1975. At St. Stanislaus Depreo was elected to the Student Council. He was also a three-year letterman in football.

Upon graduation, Depreo enlisted in the U.S. Navy. His tenure included a Mediterranean deployment, several NATO operations and numerous East Coast cruises. He reached the highest rank achievable during his period of enlistment, Petty Officer Third Class. He received an honorable discharge in 1981.

After serving on active duty, Depreo attended Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. At Pearl River he played on a football scholarship. He was elected team co-captain by his fellow players. He was graduated from USM in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration.

His work experiences consist of five years with the federal government, eight years in sales and three years as a business manager. With the federal government he worked in accounting, mail processing and on the work room floor. His sales experience has brought him to management, where he is presently the business manager for Charlie Henderson Ford in Waveland.

Civic duties over the years include being elected to the Henderson Point Pass Christian Isles Civic Association board of directors, seven years as a volunteer fireman and being appointed as fire commissioner for the Henderson Point Fire District.

Depreo and his wife Nancy have been married for 14 years. They have two children, April Marie, 11, and Anthony Wyatt, 3.

His parents are Eido and Louise, both of Hancock County. Both parents worked as public servants. His father retired from the State Tax Commission and is a former chief deputy of Hancock County.

His mother is a retired registered nurse whose jobs ranged from school nurse at Hancock North Central to Home Health Care. His wife, Nancy, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Toomey Sr. of Waveland.

As supervisor he envisions quality jobs for those who want them. "No longer will our children have to relocate to bigger cities in order to obtain good-paying jobs. Diversifying our industries will make our economy strong and stable," said Depreo.

"With increased quality industry, lower taxes are obtainable. New industry is coming.



David Depreo

As supervisor I will be responsible for the organization of growth within the county. Strong infrastructure is of utmost importance."

Depreo says he will always have an open door policy that will keep him in touch with his constituents.

"The bottom line to my responsibilities is handling the problems of my district. Your problems are my problem," Depreo said.

Foundation to give trees as incentive

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

The trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the Foundation's monthly publication, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31.

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All ticketed shows may be purchased through TicketMaster or at Casino Magic Gift Shop. For information, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4015.

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Through March 31, guests can book an overnight stay Sunday-Thursday, at Casino Magic for \$49. Included in this price is a \$10 in silver gaming package. Call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 1000 for reservations.

The celebration continues...

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis continues celebrating a "Century of Magic" each month with its countdown to the year 2000.

Guests have the opportunity to win one of three boats. Registration for the boats began March 1. Ten finalists will be drawn March 20, and 31 at 9 p.m.

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"JUKEBOX HEROES"

"Jukebox Heroes" at the Gulfport Grand Showroom starring The Mahoney Brothers in a phenomenal salute to some of the pioneers of rock 'n' roll. They will re-create Buddy Holly's "That'll Be The Day," The Everly Brothers' "Bye, Bye, Love," Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls Of Fire," Ricky Nelson's "Hello Marylou," and Elvis Presley's "Jail House Rock," in a spectacular opening medley. Throughout the show, the do classic carbon-copy impersonations of The Beatles, The Bee-Gees, and The Beach Boys, each one a show-stopping segment in itself. The female singing star is Susan Thompson, who began her career at Busch Gardens and went on to win the title of Miss Virginia. She has ap-

Nine finalists will win \$100, and one finalist will win one of the boats. Stop by the Players Club to pick up a free entry. Additional registration tickets are earned as you play.

In addition to the boat giveaways, Magic Money Players members can earn the gift of the month — a replica of the Heart of the Ocean necklace. Earn 250 points while playing slots or while playing three hours at table games with a minimum of \$25 per hand or more. Through March 31 or while supplies last. One per account. Points/play must be earned within a 24-hour period.

Future guests will also enjoy reliving the joyous memories of the big band era, the roaring 1920s and even the ever gaudy, but fun, disco fever era and on. Stay tuned each month as Casino Magic celebrates a Century of Magic right up to the millennium.

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appeared in the Broadway musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" in the role of Rhetta Cup and as Ruth in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Thompson is backed-up by The Mistinguett Dancers, choreographed by Sheila Keating.

Showtimes are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday - 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$9.95. For ticket information call 1-800-WIN-777. Tickets also available at TicketMaster outlets.

"Jukebox Heroes" will be pre-empted for the following headliner entertainment:

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Pete Fountain
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Moody Blues

Ray Thomas, left, Justin Hayward, John Lodge and Graeme Edge, better known as the Moody Blues, will be at the Biloxi Grand Theatre for 8 p.m. shows Saturday and Sunday. The legendary group has been performing since the 60's and has sold over 60 million albums and is considered one of the world's most innovative and successful bands in rock history. Tickets are \$39.95 floor and \$34.95 balcony and may be purchased by calling 1-800-WIN-2-Win, ext 2804 or any TicketMaster outlet.

Pointer Sisters concert to benefit Biloxi's Tricentennial

When the Pointer Sisters heat up the Coast with their March 26 concert at the Grand Casino Theater in Biloxi, proceeds will benefit Biloxi's Tricentennial celebration, thanks to Northwest Airlines, a major sponsor of the Tricentennial.

Northwest will host the Pointer Sisters' concert performance, as well as a pre-concert auction of celebrity items, including Blues legend B. B. King's guitar, "Lucille," a guitar signed by rockers Jimmy Page and Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin fame; international and domestic round-trip tickets from Northwest Airlines; a signed Frank Janca Tricentennial commemorative print, and much more.

Proceeds from the auction will also benefit the Tricentennial. For ticket information, call the Grand Box Office at 1-800-946-2946.

Biloxi is celebrating its 300th anniversary with a year-long schedule of events that pay tri-

bute to the city's heritage through music, arts, sports and family entertainment.

The celebration marks the 1699 landing of Pierre LeMoyne Sieur d'Iberville on the shores of what is now Biloxi.

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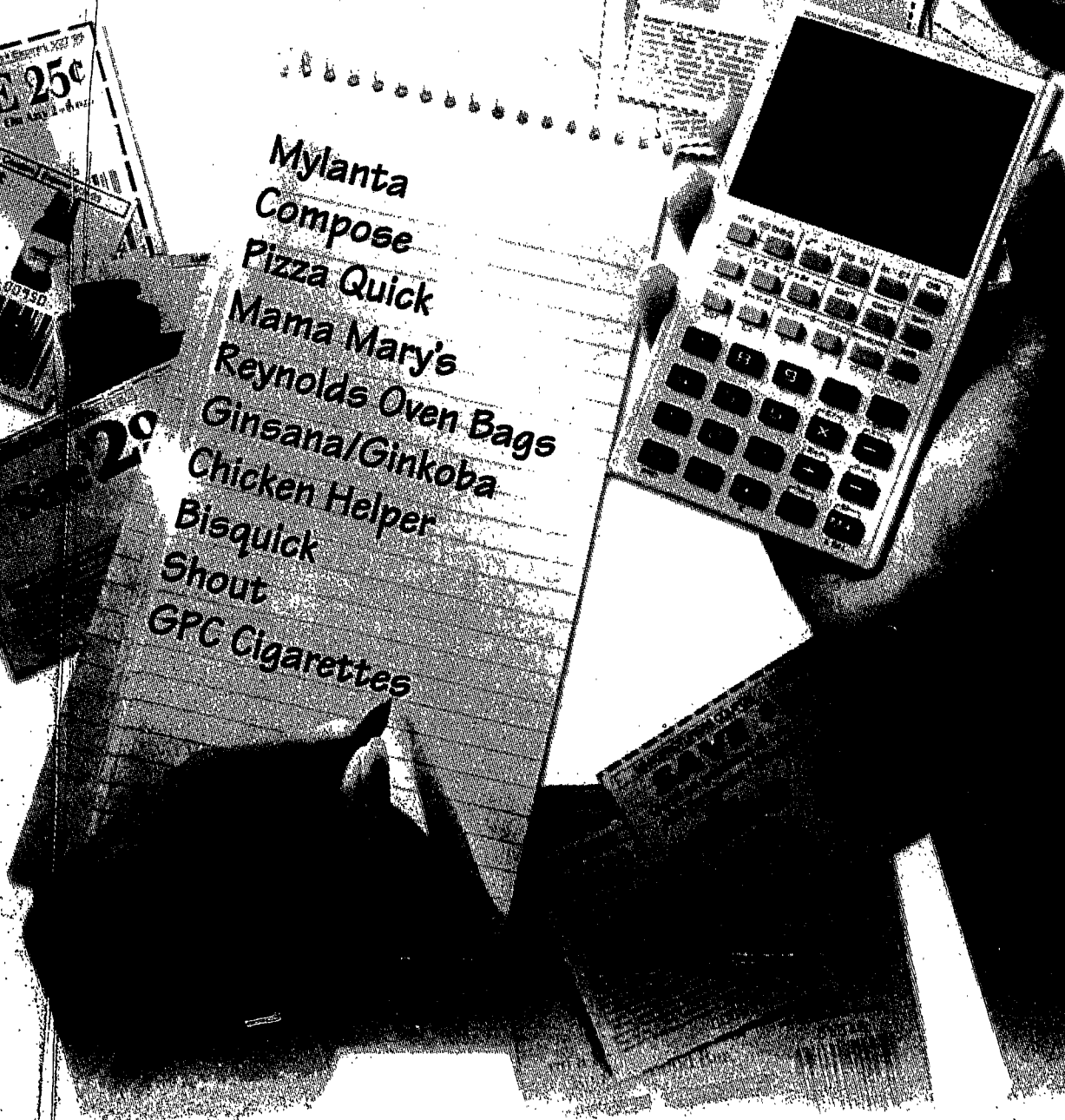
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Science fair winners

Hancock North Central Elementary students recently placed in the district and regional science fair competitions. Winners are, standing from left, Mari Laptas, second place; Heather Malley, district winner; Clayton Tate, first place; Drew Malley, district winner; Taylor Dearman, honorable mention; and Amanda Dearman, district winner; kneeling, Brian Seagren, fifth place; Katie Wilson, fifth place; Samantha Moody, first place; Melissa Wilson, district winner; and Meagan Flyntt, district winner.

Coast Episcopal stages 'The Little Prince'

Coast Episcopal School presents "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint Exupery Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13 and 29 and 30 at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater, 301 Boardman.

All performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Eight-year-old Max Webster will play the leading role as the Little Prince. Other cast members include Adam Brupacher as the Aviator, Stephen Kutos as the Fox, Christine Taylor as Barbie Lieth as the Snake, Ellen Claire Dauterive and Jennie Olson as the Rose, Dan Caridad as the King, John Chapoton as the Conceited Man, Scott Shull as the Businessman,

Brenna Digeralimo as the Lamp Lighter, Jay Coker as the Geographer, and Holland McCandless and Andrea Ranelli as the Desert Flower.

Coast Episcopal drama teacher Ray Kutos will direct the play. Kutos, a 12-year resident of the Coast, brings to this production his extensive musical and theatrical experience in both professional and community theater. Kutos has been teaching drama at Coast Episcopal for two years.

The scenery was designed and created by Kevin Webster, owner of Maximilian Zillion Animation.

For information, contact Sherry Webster at 466-3420.

Operation Wake-up Easter egg hunt set

Operation Wake-up is sponsoring its fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt and Toy and Candy Give-away Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at Commegere Park on Booker Street in Bay St. Louis.

This year's program will consist of an egg hunt, a toy and candy give-away, a horseshoe tournament, a three-on-three basketball tournament, and a special tribute to the late Robert J. Whavers Sr. and family, along with the Red Machine Baseball Team. There will also be disc jockeys on hand.

"As always, we are anticipat-

ing this year's program to be bigger and better. We will be making an extreme effort that day to rename Commegere Park to 'The Robert J. Whavers Park' in his memory. We will have petitions on hand for all persons who are willing to show their support," said Robin Williams, president of Operation Wake-up.

"We are looking for any and all support, whether it be donations, participation or volunteering to help. Please contact us for more information at 467-6269," Williams added.

St. Paul Catholic announces February Students of the Month

St. Paul School announces its February Students of the Month. In order to be selected, the students have shown outstanding abilities in citizenship, academic achievements, good conduct, self-improvement, respect for others, leadership, service, and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

The students include Rachel Church, pre-K; Nick Nichols, kindergarten; Meyer Levy and Cory McGee, first grade; Cameron Bosley, second grade; C. J. Lassabe, third grade; Lacey Raymond, fourth grade; J. C. Brignone, fifth grade; and Hunter Hanson, sixth grade.

Crosby Arboretum sets spring plant sale

The Crosby Arboretum has set its annual spring plant sale for Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Arboretum members may attend a special invitation 9-10 a.m.

"We'll have a huge stock of spring perennials, including plants to attract birds and butterflies," said Bob Brzuszek, senior curator.

"Interesting shrubs and trees include native azaleas, cow-cumbers magnolias, granddaddy greybeards, chalk maples, summersweets, spicebush and a whole lot more. Plant experts will be on hand to assist in your selections. Free admission, so bring friends and neighbors."

The Crosby Arboretum is in Picayune. Take I-59 to Exit 4 and follow the signs, or from the

Gulf Coast, take I-10 to Exit 20 and proceed north on Hwy. 43 to Picayune.

For information, call (601) 799-2311, ext. 21.

Hancock slates new student registration

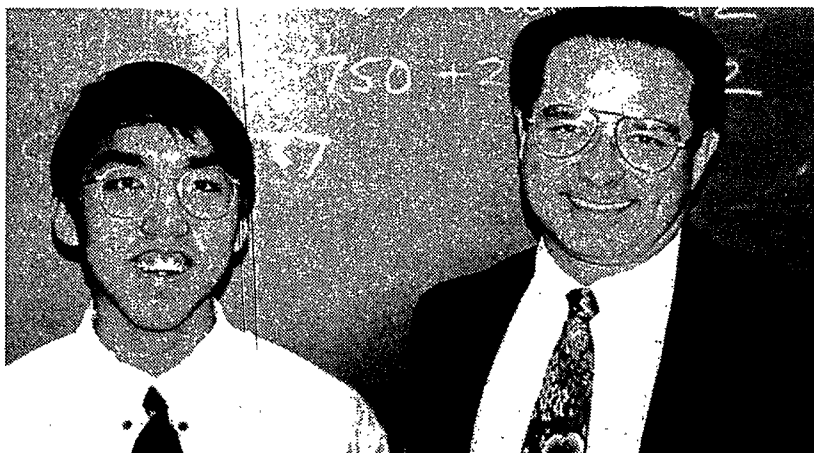
On Monday, March 22, noon-6:30 p.m., the Hancock County School District will hold early registration for new students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

Parents living north of I-10 or in Diamondhead with children in these grades should report to the Superintendent of Education's Office, 17304 Hwy. 603, Kiln, with their child's certified birth certificate, immunization record and two proofs of residency.

New students in grades sixth through 12 will register at a later date.

Early registration is only necessary for new students in grades K-5 who will attend the new elementary on Kiln-DeLisle Road and Hancock North Central Elementary on Cuevas Town Road.

For information, contact Jeannie Klein at 228-255-0376.



St. Stanislaus STAR Student and Teacher, senior Denny Li and Mike Gemelli, respectively.

SSC names STAR honors

Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal of St. Stanislaus, announced Denny Li has been selected Mississippi STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 1998-99 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC), sponsor of the program. Li will be honored during the Education Celebration portion of the MEC's annual membership meeting in Jackson.

STAR students are selected from accredited high schools on the basis of academic excellence. American College Test scores and scholastic averages are considered in designation of the school's STAR Student.

Presently in his sixth year at St. Stanislaus, Li, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kwai Chun Li of Bay St. Louis, has earned President's Honor Roll throughout his high school career. He is president of the Art Club and secretary of the literary magazine. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the yearbook staff and the Chess Club. Li has been recognized as a Student of the Month and has participated in the Mississippi Governor's School, Presidential Classroom Scholars Program and Mississippi College Math and Science Competition, placing in the top 10 percent in math and the top 20 in chemistry. He plans to continue his studies at the university level at either Duke, Rice or Tulane.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement. Li selected Mike Gemelli as STAR Teacher.

Working on his 25th year of teaching, Gemelli earns his sixth STAR Teacher title. He is

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SPORTS



Defensive game

Hancock High School Lady Hawks Softball Team took on the Harrison Central Red Rebellettes Tuesday afternoon at home. The Lady Hawks rallied late in the game to tie the Red Rebellettes who had held the lead throughout the game. Harrison Central's Daphne Lampkin got two hits including a first inning homer to lead her squad to the 9-6 win. The game was called because of darkness. Hancock's girls softball field is not lighted. Hancock's defense

held their own against the hard hitting Red Rebellettes. Top left photo, Mandy Graham came in as relief pitcher. Top right, First baseman, Twila Hyatt takes the stretch for an out at first. Bottom left, left fielder, Amanda Arcement throws home. Bottom right, the Harrison Central runner scores on catcher Candace Hyatt. (Echo staff photos by B.R. Hawkins)



Welcome

Participants in the welcome party for the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships being conducted in Diamondhead are, from left, Gail Hunt, Tournament Committee, Patty Hourin, tournament chairman, Laura Kunnen, 60's division of Oldsmar, Fla., and Al Cronvich, president of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association. Kunnen won a door prize gift certificate for a manicure donated by Lucinda Haniel of Hair Now in Diamondhead. Photo by Liz Wagner Mai

Women's clay court championship underway at Diamondhead

The United States Tennis Association Senior Women's Clay Court Championships is underway at Diamondhead Tennis World for the third year.

Play began Monday, March 8 for women in the 60- and 70-year-old divisions. Play for the women 80 years and older began Wednesday, March 10. Play begins at 9:30 a.m. each day through the finals on Saturday, March 13.

The public is invited to watch the matches free of charge.

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Waveland Little League extends registration

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
The Waveland Little League has extended registration for another week, said Eddie Reis, league president.

Registration for boys and girls baseball players, ages 5-15, have been extend at Elwood Bourgeois Memorial Park, Waveland, Central and Waveland avenues, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12; and Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The league's area includes Waveland, Bay St. Louis, Pearl-Lington and south Hancock County.

The league will divide players into various age groups. Games are to be played Monday through Friday evenings and during the day on Saturdays.

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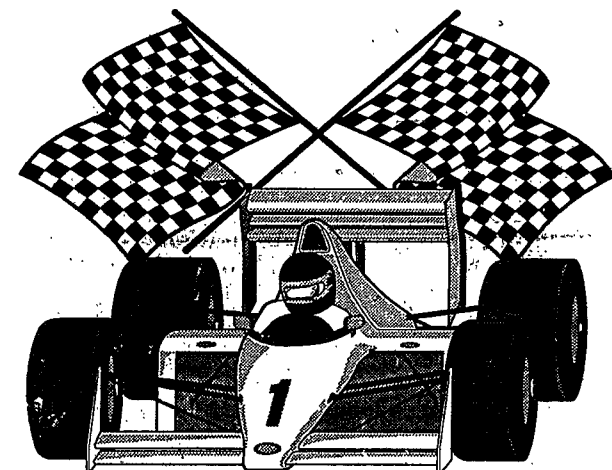
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1. **THE GREATEST GENERATION**, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$24.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (BW)
2. **TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)
3. **BLIND MAN'S BLUFF**, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew. (Public Affairs, \$25) American submarine espionage from the early cold war years to the present. (B)
4. **BEAUTY FADES, DUMB IS FOREVER**, by Judy Sheindlin. (Cliff Street/Harper Collins, \$22) Judge Judy examines the problems that face women today. (B)
5. **THE CENTURY**, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster. (Doubleday, \$60) An account of the 20th century complete with photographs and first-person narratives. (B)

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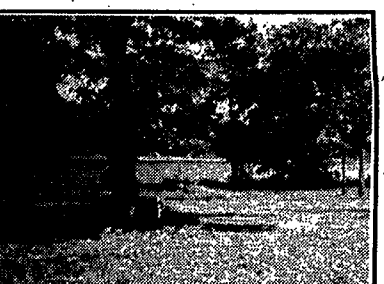
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35th annual event

Waveland celebrates St. Patrick's Day with parade Saturday

BY B.R. HAWKINS

Marking the 35th year for the oldest of the coastal St. Patrick's Day parades, the annual Waveland Civic Association parade is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. for Saturday, March 13.

Hancock County District 1 Supervisor Lyonic 'Jeep' Ladner will serve as grand marshal and Priscilla Ann Austin, daughter of Lynette and James Austin of Pass Christian and granddaughter of Adele and Clifton O. LaFontaine of Waveland and the late Beatrice and James Austin, Sr., is colleen.

Ladner, owner of Jeep Plumbing, is an outdoorsman and a member of the Devils Swamp Hunting Club, the Progressive Sportsman Gulf Coast Sportsman and the Gulfview Hunting Club. He is a member of the county chamber of commerce and the Bayside Fire Department and the county RSVP. He and his wife, Rosalie have four children and three grandchildren.

Miss Austin is a junior at Bay High school with a 3.5 grade point average. She is a dance student who for the past three years has worked as an assistant dance teacher.

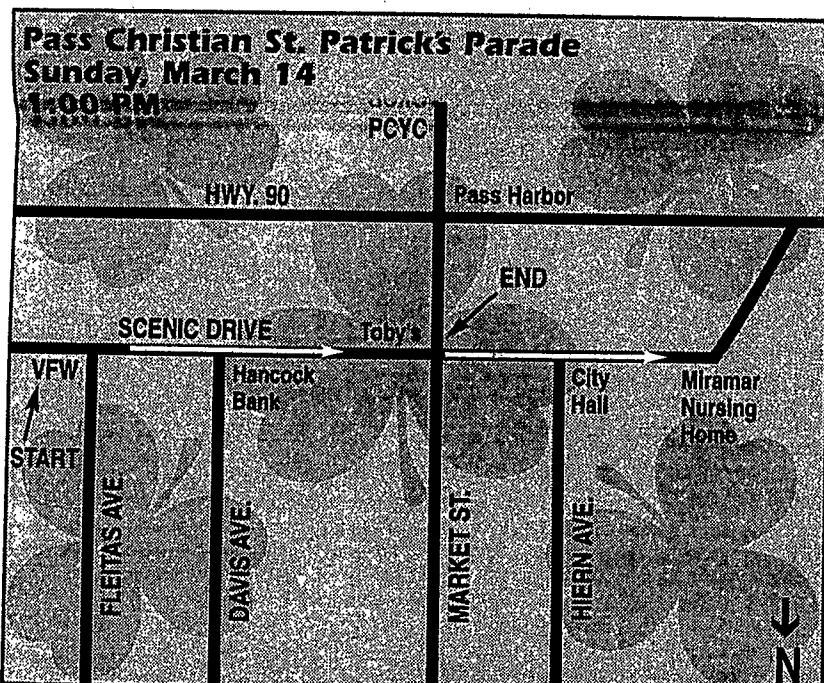
The parade route is in Waveland with its formation beginning at 1 p.m. on Waveland Avenue near the ball park.

It travels Central to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Lafite Drive, Lafite to Central, Central to Coleman to disband.

Prior to the parade, spectators are invited to the American Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue for corn beef, cabbage and Irish music.

For information, contact Fountain at 467-2198.

There will be trophies for first, second and third for those judged the best in the following categories, business floats, family floats, marchers and marching bands. Rain date is Sunday, March 14.



Pass invites wearing of the green Sunday for annual parade

BY ED LEPOMA

Everyone's invited to wear green Sunday and join in the fun of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Pass Christian.

Alderman Leo "Chipper" McDermott serves as Grand Marshal this year, and his Colleen is Our Lady Academy sophomore Rachel Layne McDonald.

The parade begins at the VFW Post 5931 on Scenic Drive at 1 p.m. but actual festivities get underway beginning at 11 a.m. with a mass celebrated at St. Paul Catholic Church, followed by a noon luncheon of corned beef and cabbage at the VFW.

McDermott, along with past Grand Marshals will head the parade lineup, followed by his Colleen, who will be riding in a convertible.

The first stop on the parade route will be at Russell's Shell Station, where the Pass High School Band will play an Irish tune.

Next, the parade stops at the Historical Society headquarters on Scenic Drive.

The third stop takes the parade to City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce review stand. Mayor Billy McDonald will read the proclamation, and Parade Captain Dan Ellis will present plaques to the Grand Marshal and Colleen.

The Fourth stop takes the parade and marching units to the Miramar Nursing Home, then the parade turns around and proceeds to the final stop at Toby's Hideaway.

At Toby's, there will be corned beef and cabbage, a cash bar and recorded music. Tables and seating will be available outside for young people and families.

The St. Stanislaus High School Band, the Bay Senior High School ROTC Unit, and the Krewe of Kids Marching Club will also be featured in the parade.

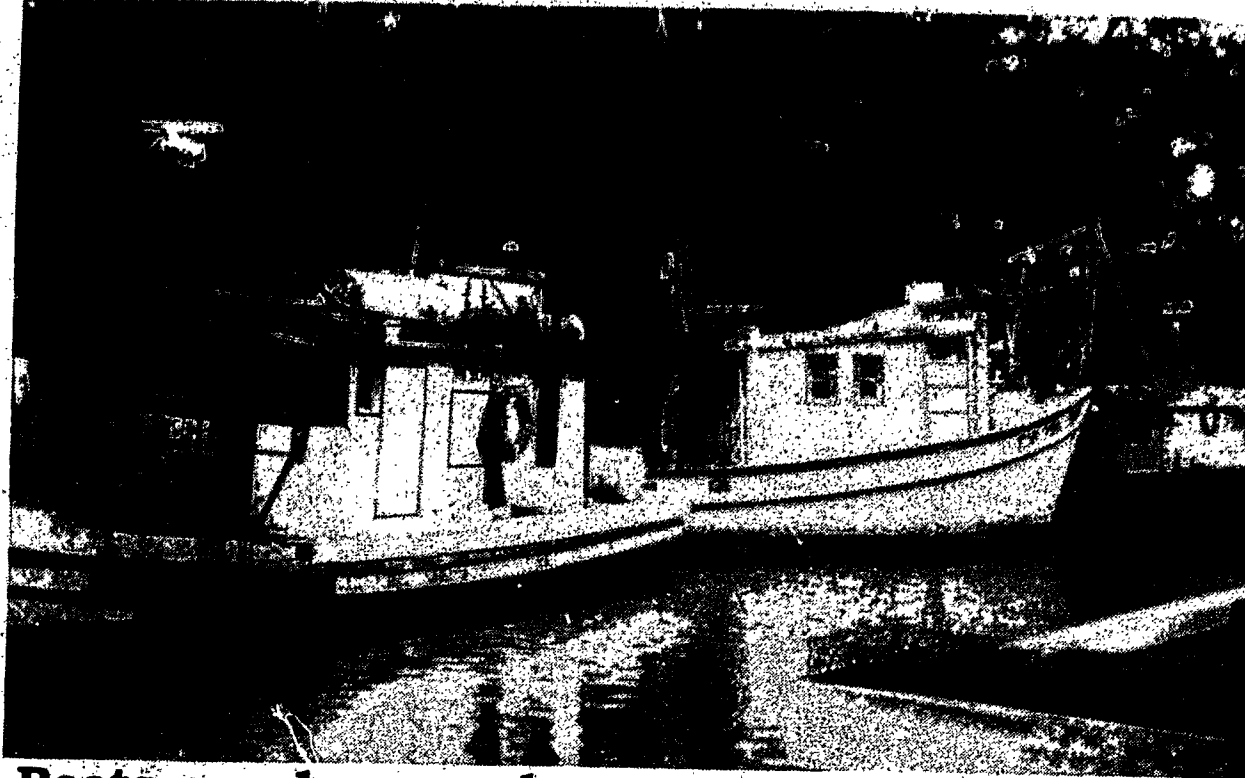
Cleanup

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need to all work together year-round and do our part in keeping our community beautiful."

In anticipation for the upcoming Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage that kicks off in Bay St. Louis this month, the Hancock Chamber planned the cleanup and provided supplies and refreshments for volunteers.

The Department of Marine Resources helped sponsor the event. Special cash prizes were given courtesy of Union Planters Bank.



Boats may be moved

Lakeshore residents on Pleasure Street are complaining about large boats that are illegally docked to the shoreline of adjoining Ohio Street. Bob Metz charges fishermen are polluting the waters, making noise during the night and day and are a menace to the neighborhood. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Squatters

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said families are living on the vessels, dumping raw sewage, garbage and diesel fuel into the canal, partying at night and on weekends, and noises from the boats' engines are waking residents up in the morning.

When he initially complained March 1, Supervisors asked Fire Marshal Richard Pate to look into the conditions that exist on Ohio Street, which parallels Pleasure Street. Metz told supervisors he had hired an attorney to advise him on how he can legally proceed to clean up the area.

Supervisors also planned to ask Sheriff Ronnie Peterson to intercede, but later in the afternoon they were given another alternative.

Keath Ladner, a co-owner of Terry's Seafood in Bayou Caddy, came before supervisors in an afternoon workshop Monday and asked them to abandon that portion of Ohio Street where the boats are docked. He said he was in the process of obtaining the signatures of landowners,

who wouldn't object if the county abandoned the street.

Once he gets the signatures, Ladner said he'll clean up the property and oust those people who are illegally docked in the canal.

Metz said later he wasn't encouraged by Ladner's plans, "and I told him that to his face." He claimed Ladner wants to move his oyster shucking operations from Manchac in Louisiana to the site in Hancock County, which is nearer to his wholesale seafood plant.

"Rather than have Vietnamese there, we'll have illegal Mexicans," he said. "The canal is too small for large boats to dock up to the shoreline."

The Echo went out later Monday to visit the area, and large boats were docked bumper-to-bumper to the Ohio Street shoreline. Scrap metal, deteriorating boats, crab traps and other debris littered the land area adjacent to the canal. Music was blaring loudly from one of the docked boats.

Run-off

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Koskan received 219 votes; Ponder, 197 votes; David Turcotte, 122 votes; and Clarence Harris, 74 votes of the 604 ballots cast Saturday. The school board certified results Monday night in its regularly scheduled board meeting.

Koskan, 47, has practiced medicine in the Bay St. Louis area for 18 years. She is married to Dr. Allen J. Koskan. The Koskans' oldest child graduated from Bay High School and currently attends the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Their youngest is a junior at Bay High.

Ponder, 42, who has 20 years of experience in public education as a teacher and an administrator, has served as Federal Programs director and Special Services director for the Bay-Waveland School District. She presently teaches special education in the Biloxi School District. She is the wife of Randy Ponder, general manager of The Sea Coast Echo. They have three children: Ashley, a junior at Bay High; Jace, an eighth-grader, and three-year-old, Patrick.

Contracts

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Faith Koger of Interiors by Faith in Diamondhead was awarded a contract for \$1,886.50 for additional furniture.

In other business Monday, • Referred to computer consultant Mark Shima a request from Home Extension economist Darlene Underwood for \$3,500 to link her office with the Internet services provided by Mississippi State University;

• Took under advisement two bids received for providing the county a new or used beach sweeper, but directed county Comptroller Patty Greer to get quotes from local banks on a lease-purchase option.

• Authorized Jeff Loftus, the county's consultant to the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, to prepare another grant application for funding to extend the proposed bikeway/pedestrian pathway throughout Waveland and Bay St. Louis;

• Approved Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler's request to hire a third fulltime employee

• Made an additional \$20,000 loan available to Pearllington's Water and Sewer District, and tentatively approved of its plans to locate an office on three

lots the county owns west of the Pearllington Community Center. The District would be given a 25-year lease with another 25-year extension. It promises to pay the county back a total \$45,000 it has borrowed for facilities planning and other work associated with the formation of the District once it lands a state grant to begin construction of sewer and water lines.

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